



A Publication of News and Events

The Eastern Shore is both the Bay's past and an indicator of its future. Its residents are struggling to accommodate change without losing the things that make (it) 'the land of pleasant living.' It's a place where farms and small communities still matter.

Author, Meg Roggensack

The purpose of this Comprehensive Plan is to ensure coordinated and harmonious development in the Town and its environs, while preserving the natural and traditional village settings so central to its character.

Trappe Comprehensive Plan (August 7, 2002)

I better not draw my gun or you'll shoot the copier!

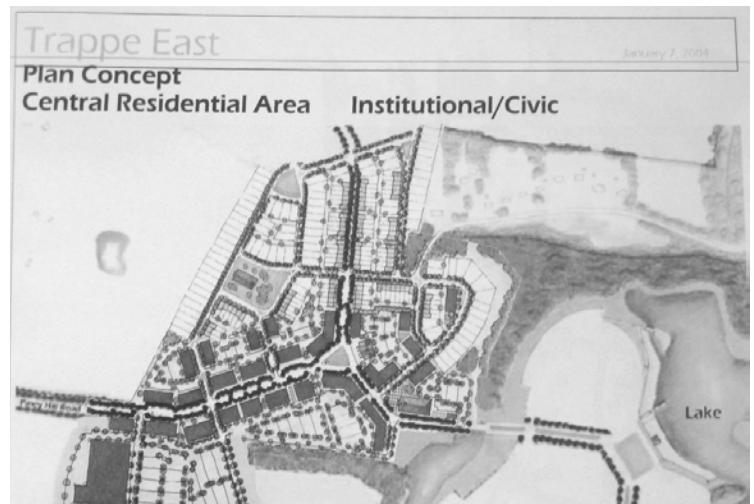
Sheriff's officer to the Town Clerk
upon stopping in Town Hall as the office copier broke down in the middle of rushing to print the March newsletter .

The Latest.....

At the March Town Meeting, the Town Commission agreed that the concept plans submitted by Rocks Engineering were consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Commission's five members unanimously voted to send the plans to the Planning Commission for further review and approval. Two weeks later, at the March Planning Meeting, Robert Rauch formally presented concept plans, including amendments and clarifications requested by the Town Council, to the Planning Commission. "The single most important and most basic principle for us to adhere to and work toward is to prepare a project that is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan," Rauch stated. "It is not in our interest or intention to present to you a project that requires or expects you to give consideration to anything other than what you specifically planned."

The project is a nine-phase residential and commercial development. The concept plan depicts 385 acres of open space, about 123 acres of recreational areas, and an approximately 40-acre public lake and beach area. The first phase will consist of 250 dwelling units in the northwest portion of the property. The plan also calls for a major grocery store. "When we did our survey of town residents," Rauch said, "that was the single biggest wish for something happening in town and that's certainly a priority to us as well." The store could be part of the first phase of development if the Town decides to allow the developers to begin work on both the first residential phase of the project and on the commercial storefront area behind Parris Foods with access from Piney Hill Rd.

The next step in the project will be for the developers to come before the Town Commission with a formal proposal for the first phase development with more detail for the entire property. They hope to have this proposal ready to present at the April Town Meeting, but it will most likely be May.



Website Pick of the month: Interested in a Aerial or Topographic view of Trappe, try these websites: <http://www.topozone.com/map.asp?lat=38.65833&lon=-76.05833> or <http://terraservert.microsoft.com/address.aspx> and enter Main St, Trappe,

FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!!
Now available: *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



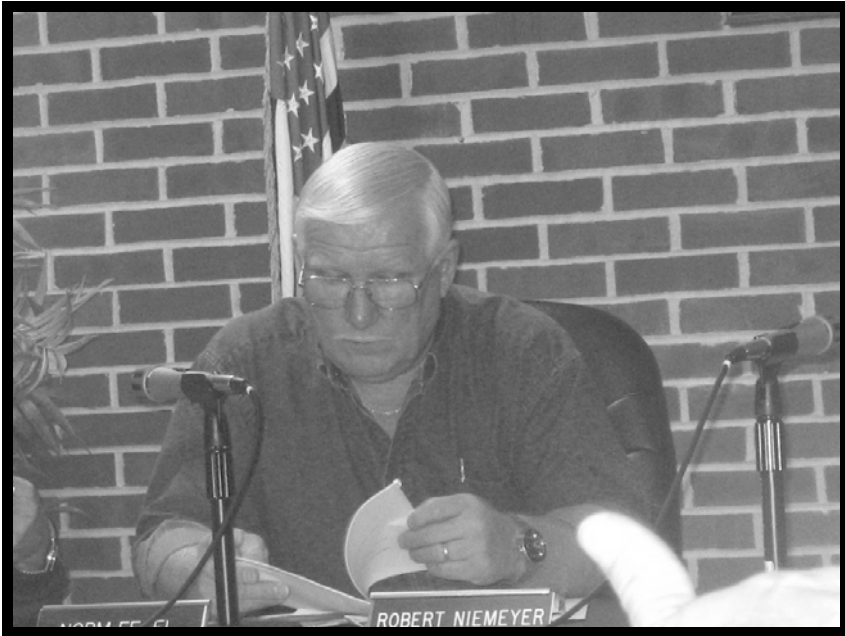
New Trappe Pottery Pieces are now available!
Stop by the Town Office and take a look.
plate and one with the Town partridge.



Meet your Town Commissioners... **Robert Niemeyer** By: Ann Dorbin

Long live the ambiance and small town flavor of Trappe!

Robert Niemeyer, Town Council Vice President



After touring the entire Shore, Robert Niemeyer says he and wife, Nora, decided on Talbot County because of the public school system ratings at the time. They chose Trappe because it was a small, condensed town between two larger municipalities, Easton and Cambridge. Bob, Nora, and Nora's middle-school-aged son moved to their new home in January 1987. "Since then," Bob says, "we've grown to love the town and its diversity of people."

Bob grew up in the Arbutus and Pasadena areas and graduated from Glen Burnie High School. His first job was as a machinist for Coppers Company, making seals for jet engines. When he realized that he didn't like being cooped up inside, he began a long career in sales, including many years as Sales Manger for County Beverage Corporation. When he first moved to Trappe, Bob purchased not only a new house, but also the local Arnold Bread franchise, which he operated for a short time before moving on to his present position as Location Manager for Gomoljak Block in Wye Mills.

When the Niemeyers moved to Trappe, their new neighbors were cordial and helpful and Bob says his family was immediately accepted by just about everybody in town. "I make this point purposely," he adds, "because of the very small percentage of people that seem to think that if you or your great, great, great grandfather was not born here, then you're an 'outsider.' Although we originally purchased our house on Main Street as a future rental property, we fell in love with the town and decided to live in the house rather than rent it.

"Through the years," he continues, "I have done my best to return the favor, both in trying to do whatever I can to perpetuate the Town Spirit, and help to welcome newcomers. I have enjoyed working with the Lion's Club in all areas of their involvement and helping the Fire Department whenever I could. Nora and I have also been on the original Board of Directors of Home Run Baker Park and have enjoyed orchestrating its beginning and the subsequent organization of its amenities. And it is still growing—the walking trail should be coming along soon."

Besides his active role in these community organizations, Bob is in the middle of his second term as Town Commissioner. He says he hadn't considered running for public office until the then-Commission asked him to participate. "Roughly 16 years ago, when Nora and I first started attending Town Meetings, there were times when we were appalled at the way the Town's business was conducted." He explains that at that time, there were only three Council Members (versus today's five members), and that, although meetings were held in a public setting, they were brief and poorly attended, with decisions being made by a limited few after little or no discussion, sometimes having already been decided outside of proper procedure. "Unfortunately, there was very little respect to public outcry toward most issues."

"Since then," he continues, "with the addition of two other Council seats and staggered terms, business of that nature no longer exists. Several years before my first term, we began to see positive changes in the way things were being done. Some truly dedicated people became involved, like Bud Reid, Don English, Edgar Harrison. Bobby Quidas tirelessly monitored the Main Street project almost daily to its completion. Not to mention the other tremendous strides that we have witnessed, including the new water tower, new park facilities, new sidewalks and the new, model treatment plant, as well as other niceties like Christmas lights, street signage, and monuments to those that have helped make Trappe what it is today."

Bob also serves as the Town Liaison to the Talbot County Sheriff's Department, which serves as the Town's part time police force. As Commissioner, he headed up the initiative for the Kiddie Park on Harrison Circle and suggested the idea of including *The Index* with mailings of water bills as a way to keep townsfolk informed while saving postage. He says that besides his dedication to the community, he also adds his experience with problem solving, intercepting difficulties, and working with various personalities.

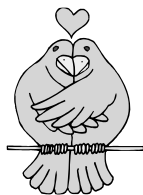
"My approach is to consider all the viewpoints and information, analyze them, and give a well-rounded opinion. Now that we are about to embark on a major turning point for the town," he says, "I feel we are extremely lucky to be working with the quality and professionalism of the developers, Robert Rauch and Nicholas Rocks. They have been truly dedicated gentlemen in seeking the same goals and endeavors as the Town that will continue to make Trappe the unique community that it is and hopefully always will be. When this process began over two years ago, those two gentlemen stayed the course while the planning commissioners and the council hammered out a model comprehensive plan that all could live with for the good of the town. Many Town leaders put in a lot of time and devotion burning the midnight oil for the wellbeing of the project. It's been an interesting ride to say the least. But my motto is: Long live the ambiance and small town flavor of Trappe!"

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70 AND COUNTING!! 100 Things to Love About Trappe

61. Pretty porches
62. You can put a note on your door notifying the UPS man that your shop will be closed for a week and ask that he deliver to your home instead—and he does!
63. Sunlight and shadows falling across farmyards
64. Scotts UMC choir music
65. Families who have lived here for generations
66. The White Marsh Elementary Grandparent's Club
67. After school programs for children at our churches and school
68. The sound of voices from the ball parks during practices & games
69. Wildlife sightings
70. Seagulls following tractors during Spring plowing

(Here are the latest, please send in your own until we reach 100)



Editor's Note: I am pleased to report that over the past few weeks I have sighted two eagles along White Marsh Road—an American Eagle perched on a tree struck by lightning last summer, and a Bald Eagle soaring over the open farm field across from White Marsh Elementary. By the time I got my camera out, it was too late and they had flown from sight. But it makes me happy to see these birds living around our Town. In the words of Edgar Harrison, Town Commissioner and Planning & Zoning Commission Member, "Hopefully 20 years from now we still will."

SCOTT'S UMC HOSTS MARCH DOUBLE HEADER: TOWN SUPPER AND MEN'S BREAKFAST

"Good and full! Good and full!" (a satisfied customer)



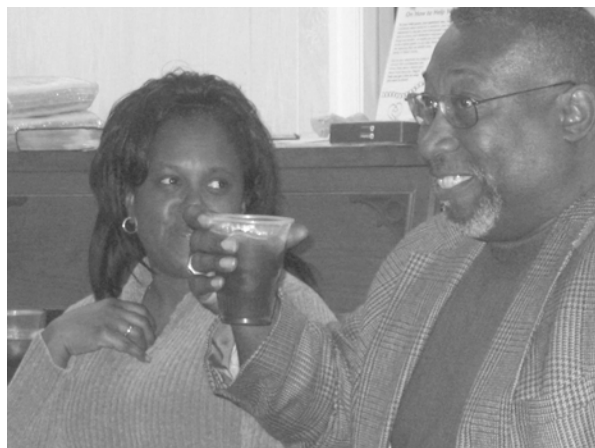
Leola Brown



Many hands make light work



MEN AT WORK: James Brown, John Thomas & Donald Brown



Reverend T. D. Hackett and Daphan Smith



Kennard Thomas:
Pancakes by the bucket



Donald Brown, chief egg scrambler



DON'T MISS THE SEQUEL: Good Friday Fish Fry April 9th 11 am to 6 pm \$8.00

Fish, Fried Potatoes or Potato Salad, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Vegetable, Corn Bread or Biscuit, Cake
Eat-In, Carry-Out, Delivery

(Please place delivery orders no later than April 7th by calling 410.820.8890 or 410.822.5178)

For more information, call the Church Office at 410.476.3980. Proceeds benefit the Church Homecoming Fund.

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Edward C. Cannon Memorial Dedication

On Wednesday, April 7, 2004, Maryland Arbor Day, the Edward C. Cannon Memorial will be installed at the Town Hall. A dedication service, including light refreshments, will be held at 7:20, just prior to the April Town Meeting, which begins at 7:30. Members of Mr. Cannon's family will attend. A plaque displaying Mr. Cannon's photograph and his own well-used planting shovel, attached to planks of wood from the stairs in his home on Main Street will be mounted on a wall in the Town Meeting Room. All are invited to attend the designation of Mr. Cannon as a "Town Treasure."

For more information, please contact Drake or Elizabeth Ferguson at 410.476.4446.



April 2004



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Scott's After School Program WMES "Homework Club" Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net	Monday thru Thursday Monday thru Thursday	Monday thru Thursday Monday thru Thursday	Trappe Town Council Public Hearing 7:00 pm Public Hearing 7:15 pm Cannon Memorial 7:20 pm Town Mtg 7:30 pm	1 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. GS Troop #906 WMES 6:30 pm AA Mtg 6:30 pm St. Paul's	2 WMES 7:30 am Parents & Pastries EMS 6 pm Cheerleader's Dance TVFD 7 pm Seven Sisters Quilting	3 EMS 9 am Saturday School QAHS 7:30 pm All-Shore Band
Palm Sunday April 4th Easter Services April 11th: Emmanuel Wesleyan Pastor Hawkins 9:30 am Sun School 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Worship Scotts United Methodist Pastor Hackett 6:00 am Sunrise Ser. 9:00 am Worship Trappe United Methodist Rev. Simpson 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship St. Paul's Episcopal Rev. Tilden 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Sunday School	5 EHS Interim Report Cards WMES Shorebirds 'Hit the Books' Reading Program begins SUMC Holy Week	6 Passover GS Troop 289 WMES 4pm EHS Band Booster 7 pm Quit Smoking TUMC 7 pm SUMC Men's Bible 7:30 pm Revival Speakers Nightly	7 SUMC 11 am Young at Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm April 5-8 7 pm - 9 pm	8 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. St. Paul's 6 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharistic AA Mtg 6:30 pm St. Paul's	9 St Paul's 7 pm Good Friday: Stations of the Cross SUMC 11 am - 6 pm Fish Fry TCPS Spring Break	10 Trappe UMC 7:30 am Country Church Breakfast Schools closed
	12 TCPS Spring Break School Closed	13 Grandparent's Club Mtg WMES 10 am Quit Smoking TUMC 7pm SUMC Men's Bible 7pm TVFD 8 pm Fire Dept Monthly Mtg.	14 Trappe Planning Commission Workshop 6:30 pm Lion's Club TUMC 6:30pm SUMC 11 am Young at Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible	15 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. GS Troop 906 WMES 6:30 pm AA Mtg. 6:30 pm St. Paul's	16 WMES PTO Basket Bingo Night TVFD 7pm Seven Sister's Quilting EHS AllShore Chorus 8pm EHS Music Festivals	17 Trappe UMC Contemporary Church Service 6:00 pm NYC Band Trip
	19 Trappe Fire Depart Country Breakfast Sunday April 18th 7 am - 10 am	20 GS Troop 289 WMES 4pm WMES Pizza Dinner 5 pm WMES Mtg the Author 7 pm Quit Smoking TUMC 7 pm	21 Trappe Planning Commission Mtg 7:30 pm EHS TCPS Brd Mtg 7 pm SUMC 11 am Young at Heart SUMC 2 pm Mid Day Bible SUMC 7 pm Evening Bible	22 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg. 6:30 pm St. Paul's WMES 7 pm "Parent Night EMS"	23 Take your Child to Work Day' Town Supper St. Paul's Baked Chicken 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	24 Trappe UMC 7:30 am - 10 am Country Church Breakfast
	26 April 19 - 23 WMES Volunteer Appreciation Week April 19 - 23 Administrative Professional's Week April 19 - 23 TV - Turnoff Week 10th Anniversary!	27 Quit Smoking TUMC 7 pm	28 Lion's Club TUMC 6:30 pm	29 SUMC 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept. AA Mtg. 6:30 pm St. Paul's	30 Special Trash Pick-up !!	May 1st - EHS Prom May 3-7 WMES Teacher Appreciation Wk May 7 WMES 'Hit the Books' ends



CONTEMPORARY CHURCH SERVICES INTRODUCED AT TRAPPE UMC

Rev. Ruth Ann Simpson of Trappe United Methodist Church is now conducting Contemporary Worship Services on Saturday evenings from 6-7 pm. These services will be a bit more informal and will use The Message, The Bible in Modern English, an easily understood text. They will begin on Saturday, April 17th and continue each week at least until June 5th. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call the church office at 410.3384.

Mid-Shore League of Republican Women

Sun Trust Bldg, Easton - Maryland Rm
 April 14th 7 pm - 9 pm All are Welcome
 Please call Lura Damron for more info: 410-770-4818

Town Dinner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

April 23rd 5:30 - 7:30 pm

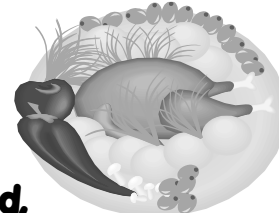
Adults \$6 Children under 10 \$3

Baked Chicken Breast

Potatoes & Vegetable, Tossed Salad,

Beverage & Coffee

Incredible Desserts
 by Seven Sisters
 Quilting Guild



Carry out Available